

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 11-231—sSB 1111
Environment Committee
Public Health Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN
SILVER OXIDE BATTERIES**

SUMMARY: Starting July 1, 2011, the law prohibits offering for sale or distributing for promotional purposes button cell batteries containing mercury or any product containing them. This act creates certain exceptions to this prohibition. Specifically, it allows (1) mercury batteries described as Hg-silver oxide batteries used exclusively in a medical device to automatically deliver insulin to a person to be sold or distributed for promotional purposes until January 1, 2015 and (2) silver oxide batteries and any product containing these batteries to be offered for sale or distributed for promotional purposes until July 1, 2012.

The law also requires manufacturers producing or selling button cell batteries containing mercury or products containing them to notify retailers about the prohibition and how to properly dispose of remaining inventory according to law. The act excludes from this requirement (1) mercury batteries described as Hg-silver oxide batteries used exclusively in a medical device to automatically deliver insulin to a person and (2) silver oxide batteries and any product containing these batteries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

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